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(SBU) We pressed reftel points with MFA deputy Director General Ittiporn Boonprachaong December 16, urging the Thai government to support the U.S. proposal to harmonize UN conditions of service and streamline contractual arrangements at the UN. Ittiporn, who has overall MFA responsibility for UN administrative issues, professed not to know the details of this particular matter, but promised to convey our perspective to the Thai mission in New York and to pass us Thai views after consultation with the Thai mission. As a general rule, Thailand usually affiliated itself with G-77 positions on such matters, he added.

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